



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 6, 2000

H.R. 755 **Guam War Claims Review Commission Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 28, 2000

H.R. 755 would establish the Guam War Claims Review Commission to consider restitution for those individuals who resided on the island of Guam, a territory of the United States, during its occupation by the Japanese in World War II. Under H.R. 755, the five commission members would establish eligibility requirements, determine the number of individuals who meet such requirements, and estimate the total amount that would be necessary to adequately compensate them for damages suffered during Japan's occupation. The commission would have nine months to report its findings to the Congress. To fund the costs of the commission, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$500,000.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 755 would cost \$500,000 in fiscal year 2001. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. (The bill does not authorize the payment of restitution; such authority would require a separate act of the Congress.) H.R. 755 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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